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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in the above-captioned patent application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3)(i), a concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 2001-056033, H60-037423, H58-187627, and H11-002266 is provided in the enclosed International Search Report. MPEP 609.04(a).III. A concise explanation of the relevance of Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Publication No. H07-35830 U is incorporated into the specification at Page 1, Lines 15-33, and Page 2, Lines 1-23.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider these references and that the Examiner indicate that the attached references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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